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SUBJECT: MARCH 5, 1999, SDA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

This transmits a summary of the March 5, 1999, Service Delivery Area (SDA) Advisory Committee meeting.

If you have questions or comments regarding the summary, please contact Jackie Owen at (916) 654-8006.

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Attachments

SERVICE DELIVERY AREA (SDA) ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Employment Development Department
 800 Capitol Mall, Room 5000
 Sacramento, California
 Friday, March 5, 1999

Agenda

10:00 a.m.	Welcome/Hot Topics/Agenda Building	Bill Burke, Job Training Partnership Division (JTPD)
10:15 a.m.	Workforce Investment Act of 1998 • State Update	Vicki Johnsrud Workforce Investment Transition Division
11:15 a.m.	One-Stop Collocation: Shared Cost	Sue Cleere-Flores Los Angeles City SDA
11:45 a.m.	Access to Unemployment Insurance Base Wage Files	Sue Cleere-Flores
Noon	Lunch on Own	
1:00 p.m.	Welfare-to-Work Program • State Update • SDA/County Welfare Department Advisory Group	Bill Burke, JTPD
2:00 p.m.	Agenda Building for the March 30, 1999, SDA Quarterly Administrators' Meeting	All
2:30 p.m.	Open Discussion	All
3:00 p.m.	Adjourn Meeting	

SERVICE DELIVERY AREA (SDA) ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, March 5, 1999

Welcome/Hot Topics/Agenda Building

- Citrus Freeze Update—Freeze-impacted areas of the state continue to be a high priority for the Governor and the Legislature. Six counties were declared disaster areas. The state is waiting for the release of funds from the Department of Labor (DOL) to operate a temporary jobs program. In the interim, Northern California flood funds were redirected into freeze and flood-affected counties. Wagner-Peyser funds (\$6 million) were redirected for temporary job assistance. Additionally, \$3.5 million in 40 percent Governor's Discretionary funds was provided to three Service Delivery Areas (SDA) for use as stand-alone work experience. Most recently, DOL released \$3 million dollars to provide supportive services to individuals who lost their job as a direct result of the freeze. These funds will be used principally for food vouchers and mortgage and utility payments. To date, \$17.2 million from a variety of funding sources has provided relief assistance to the affected areas.
- Capacity Building Activities—The first meeting of the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA) Closeout Work Group took place on February 17, 1999. The work group is responsible for identifying close-out issues and topics requiring policy guidance and/or training, and for making recommendations to the DOL. Work group membership includes federal, state, and local representatives. The minutes from the February 17, 1999 meeting (Information Bulletin B98-76) are available on the Job Training Partnership Division (JTPD) web site (<http://www.edd.cahwnet.gov/emptran.htm>). An information bulletin soliciting comments, concerns, and recommendations from the SDAs relative to close-out issues will be released soon.

The JTPD is collaborating with the California Department of Social Services to provide four CalWORKS 101 training classes in April and May. Also, JTPD has proposed using WtW funds to provide additional Employment Training Network services and make available State Approved Local Training dollars to the SDAs.

- Waivers—A waiver model analysis for those SDAs (44) choosing waivers will be run at the time JTPA year-end performance evaluations are calculated. A survey instrument was suggested to determine how waiver funds are being used to support economic development.

- Title III Update—As a result of continuing requests for Title III funds, the Job Service Division Chiefs' Account is meeting SDA funding needs.

Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998

- State Update—The DOL Regional Office is in the process of answering the numerous questions received from the Office of Management and Budget pertaining to the draft WIA regulations.

After the four education performance bills are signed into law, it is hoped the Governor will direct his attention to WIA.

The lack of a substate hold harmless cap in WIA was an expressed concern of the SDAs. The JTPD will run SDA allocation shares without the substate hold harmless agreement, using the current structure, and share the results with SDAs.

Committee members expressed their desire to combine future SDA Administrator Quarterly meetings with the California Workforce Association Board of Directors' meeting.

One-Stop Collocation: Shared Cost

The SDAs continue to experience frustration relative to one-stop collocation facility issues. Chuck Horel, Business Operations and Planning Support Division (BOPSD), acknowledged the SDAs frustration and expressed BOPSD's similar experiences throughout the collocation process. The Employment Development Department/BOPSD has requested lease delegation authority from the Department of General Services (DGS).

In an effort to mitigate roadblocks and strengthen communication, BOPSD will:

- Compile a checklist for SDAs that delineates cost guidelines within the EDD/one-stop partner locations;
- Distribute to SDA administrators the *Partnership Resource Guidelines: Pooled Costs, Who Pays for What*; and,
- Form a targeted work group (with a WIA implementation focus) to discuss facility and operational issues. Work group representation will include BOPSD, DGS, SDA Administrators, and Operations Branch Division Chiefs. It was agreed that the California Workforce Association would forward to BOPSD by March 30, 1999 the names of their work group participants.

Access to Unemployment Insurance (UI) Base Wage Files

Withstanding the issues surrounding confidentiality agreements, utilization of UI base wage files, and Title III performance reviews determined from base wage file data, Los Angeles City has begun to look at 90-day youth follow-up information. The

following concern was expressed: with the new performance standards negotiation process under WIA, how will significant amounts of information be electronically transferred from the base wage file for program management at the local level?

Welfare-to-Work (WtW) Program

- State Update—The JTPD is implementing a monthly reporting process for the WtW program which includes information on intake, assessment, eligibility determination, and case management expenditures. An information bulletin describing the process will be released the week of March 22, 1999.
- Second Year WtW State Plan—Public hearings were held throughout California in January and February inviting partners to submit oral or written testimony on the state plan. Areas of the plan receiving attention included administration, coordination, performance goals, eligibility, discretionary projects, and local plans and signatures. The plan is due to DOL March 31, 1999.

Agenda Building for the March 30, 1999, SDA Quarterly Administrators' Meeting

Welfare-to-Work and WIA implementation discussions will be the focus the March 30, 1999, SDA Administrators' meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.